

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 24, 1852.

The Intelligencer.

JOHN MORRISSEY, a brutal prize fighter and keeper of a gambling hall, is the son of a friend and right hand wile-puller of Governor Tilden. A sweet team to talk about reform.

THE Boston hackmen are the pioneers in the reduction of prices. They have gone back to old ante-bellum prices, and will now carry a single passenger anywhere within the city limits proper for twenty-five cents instead of fifty.

THE sweltering condition in which Old Sol keeps the people of this country has already caused an increase of fifty per cent in the consumption of ice in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities.

SILVER was quoted at fifty per ounce in London at last accounts. Not more than four years ago it was quoted at 61d. There has, therefore, been a decline of nearly 16 1/2 per cent in the value of silver, most of which has occurred within three years.

ON Saturday, April 20, 1861, a meeting in support of the Union and the old flag was held at Union Square, New York. The call for the meeting requested "citizens of New York, in favor of maintaining the laws and Constitution of the United States," to attend. The call was largely signed by leading men of all parties. Samuel J. Tilden refused to sign the call or take part in the proceedings. This was the first of a series of meetings in support of the Government against armed traitors. Samuel J. Tilden was conspicuous by his absence from them all. But in 1864 he was conspicuous by his presence at the Chicago Convention which was notoriously in sympathy with those traitors. He reported the resolution which sought to paralyze the arm of the Government by declaring the war for the Union to be "four years of failure" and demanding immediate steps toward peace. Inconsistent as Tilden's course has been in many things, it was consistent in that.

The City Mortality.

The quarterly report of the City Health Officer published a day or two ago shows that 166 deaths occurred in Wheeling during the quarter ending June 30th. This would give us an annual death rate of 24 persons to the 1,000, counting the population at 28,000, which is a heavy increase over the death rate of the same months in 1875—almost 66 per cent. The deaths for the month of May, 1876, were only 18, and for the month of June only 32. This year they were, for May 48, and for June 72. For the month of July last year the whole mortality was only 48, while up to 64 for this month. The death rate in Wheeling for the whole of 1875 was only 17.21 per thousand, and it was higher last year than for the two previous years. At the present mortality rate we shall show at the end of this year a decided increase over 1875. The explanation of this increase is found in the excessive heat that prevails. The death rate has increased all over the country. It ran up last week in Baltimore to 303 as against 232 the week before, and in New York the jump was from 808 to 1,298. In Philadelphia it was from 512 to 777. The infant mortality has been great in Philadelphia and New York, as it has been also in Wheeling. By referring to the Health Officer's report for the quarter ending June 30th, we notice that out of the 166 deaths reported, 89 were children under 5 years of age. There were 17 deaths from cholera infantum, 14 from scarlet fever, and 15 from measles. There were only 50 adult deaths out of the whole 166.

In the month of June this year there were 23 deaths under one year, 9 between 1 and 2 years, 12 between 2 and 5 years, while in 1875 there were only 8 under one year, 3 between 1 and 2 years, and 7 between 2 and 5. During the first quarter of 1876 there occurred 147 deaths, second quarter 97, third quarter 133, fourth quarter 105. During the winter months there were 130 deaths, spring 117, summer 128, and autumn 107. Of those dying in the summer months 43 were under one, 59 under two, and 70 under five years. Thus 52 1/2 per cent of those dying in the summer of last year, and 44 3/5 per cent of the total number of deaths were under five years of age. In the year previous (1874) the mortality of children under five years of age was considerably greater—viz: 68 per cent of those dying in the summer months and 49 per cent of the total mortality.

In his annual report for 1875 the Health Officer noted the fact that the increased death rate for that year was due in part to the prevalence of scarlet fever and diphtheria, both of which made their appearance in the autumn of 1874 and have continued to prevail to a greater or less extent ever since. And so it is down to this time, as both diseases are still among us, the former to a noticeable extent.

The mortality for this month so far only lacks 8 of the mortality of last month, and we may therefore expect to see the per cent per thousand considerably increased. The present weather is the bane of children, as it also of all feeble persons. The system becomes so relaxed as to be unable to resist disease. People lose their rest, lose their appetites and lose their grip on life under such a scorching sun as we are now having. The only remedy is to keep clean, keep as cool as we can, disinfect our houses and premises, and be careful about over eating.

Family Market Prices now and then a Year Ago.

We stated the other day that it was estimated that the average decline in prices from May 1st, 1875, to May 1st, 1876, has been about 10 per cent in the leading articles of commerce. This change in price applies, or should apply, we presume, to our family market supplies as well as to everything else that we purchase. As a basis of comparison with the prices quoted this morning under our "Wheeling Family Market" head, on the third page, we reproduce the following quotations from our issue of July 22d, 1875. Those interested in comparing one thing with another can run over the two tables and itemize them at their leisure. It will be seen that there is a noticeable decline in beef and butter, two principal articles of family use, while lamb and mutton are higher. Veal also is lower, but vegetables do not show much variation.

The table for 1875 is as follows:

Beef, rib roast, per lb.	15c
Beef, brisket, per lb.	14c
Beef, round, per lb.	13c
Mutton chops, per lb.	15c
Veal, per lb.	14c
Ham, per lb.	15c
Butter, per lb.	15c
Eggs, per doz.	15c
Flour, per barrel	15c
Wheat, per bushel	15c
Barley, per bushel	15c
Oats, per bushel	15c
Hay, per ton	15c
Straw, per ton	15c
Coal, per ton	15c
Wood, per cord	15c
Fire, per cord	15c
Ice, per cord	15c
Apples, per bushel	15c
Pears, per bushel	15c
Oranges, per bushel	15c
Lemons, per bushel	15c
Peaches, per bushel	15c
Plums, per bushel	15c
Cherries, per bushel	15c
Strawberries, per quart	15c
Raspberries, per quart	15c
Blackberries, per quart	15c
Tomatoes, per quart	15c
Peas, per quart	15c
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